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SUBJ: LOPEZ PORTILLO'S COMMENTS ON NATURAL RESOURCES POLICY.

REF: (A) MEXICO 15157; (B) MEXICO 15169

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: REFS A AND B REPORTED HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS. IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS ON NATURAL RESOURCES, JLP SAID THAT MEXICO "MUST MAKE RATIONAL BUT INTENSIVE USE" OF HER NATURAL RESOURCES BUT "WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH THE BALANCE OF NATURE" AS HAPPENED PREVIOUSLY DUE TO "IGNORANCE, SELFISHNESS OR INSATIABLE GREED FOR FALSE RICHES." JLP WENT ON TO CITE FOSSIL FUELS AS A SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF THIS POLICY.

2. JLP CONTINUED BY GUARANTEEING THE MEXICAN PEOPLE AN ENERGY SUPPLY AND SAID IT WOULD BE USED "IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL AIMS." HE ALSO CALLED FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FOSSIL FUELS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LOU. COMMENTS: JLP'S COMMENTS ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE POSITION TAKEN BY PEMEX UNDER THE
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ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION. OTHER REPORTING INDICATES

THAT MEXICO MAY MOVE TO EXPAND ITS PETROLEUM EXPORTS
RAPIDLY. WHILE IT IS TOO EARLY TO EXPECT THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION TO OUTLINE ITS PETROLEUM POLICY, SOME
CHANGES MAY BECOME APPARENT BETWEEN NOW AND MARCH 18
WHEN PEMEX CELEBRATES THE 39 ANNIVERSARY OF NATION-
ALIZATION AND THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL GIVES HIS FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT.

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